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THE CLASS OF 2010

About 200 students graduated from E.L. Crossley Secondary School. A long list of scholarships donated by individuals and community groups were presented during the 47th commemorative ceremonies at a St. Catharines hotel and convention centre. See photos Page 3.

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!

Great weather makes a great Canada Day

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

The mild, sunny summer weather made the day.

Organizers were expected to be smiling when they meet this week to review the Pelham's 20th annual Canada Day celebrations.

"The weather was perfect," said community services manager Vickie vantavernsaway. "And it's all about the weather."

She said, "it could have been like this," referring hot, hazy, humid conditions that covered the town earlier this week.

On Canada Day, crowds lined a new parade route. It extended from Pancake Lane down Pelham St. to Welland Rd. and Haist St. The adjustment was made because of construction on a section of Haist St.

"Many told us they prefer the new route," said vantavernsaway. "So we're asking people to let us know whether we should change it permanently."

The Canada Day party filled Harold Black Park all afternoon. Residents and visitors refilled in the evening to listen to three bands and watch a fireworks display.

Canada Day fell on a Thursday. It lined up with the Fonthill bandshell concert series and the Pelham Farmers Market in the Pelham town square.

Both parks drew reasonable crowds, said vantavernsaway.

"They seemed to spread out and



Star photo

Red and white were the colours of the day during the Canada Day parade, which followed a route down Pelham St. to Welland Rd. and Haist St. S. to Harold Black Park.

support both."

Mayor Dave Augustyn in his Canada Day opening address praised the efforts of the Canada volunteers backed by organizations such as the Fonthill Lions,

Rotary Club of Fonthill, churches, army cadets, sports groups and various businesses who contributed to the success of the date.

Members of the Canada Day committee are Bob Gibson, Diane

Kelly, Darlene Raymond, Lance Wiebe, Bill King, Leo Giovenazzo, Fred Arbour, Tom Boyce, Fred Disher, Gord House and town staff members van Ravensway and Jessica Ruddell.

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■ **TOURISM:** The Log Cabin hosts centre

Pelham information booth opens in gift shop

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PelhamNEWS Staff

For the second year, the Welland Pelham Chamber of Commerce will operate the Pelham Tourist Information Centre out of The Log Cabin on Regional Rd. 20 in Fonthill.

"It's a good fit for locals, for visitors and for staff," said executive director Dolores Fabiano.

This year, it will have a higher profile with information booth "question mark" signs on Regional Rd. 24 and Hwy 406 directing visitors to the centre near Regional Rd. 20 and Hais St.

Last summer, the centre fielded about 300 inquiries in the gift shop.

The previous two years, it was in a cabin in the parking lot of the Fonthill Shopping Centre.

In 2008, it had 468 visitors and in 2007, 200.

In 2006, the town did not have a centre, while in 2005, it was in a vacant store.

Chamber president Aggie Giovannini thanked Scott Penner of The Log Cabin for making space available for the booth, its equipment and display racks.

She pointed out a new tool, an enhanced website www.explorepelham.com, which



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

The Pelham Tourism Information Centre, sponsored by the Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce and Town of Pelham, opened for the season Wednesday in the Log Cabin on Regional Rd. 20 in Fonthill. Cutting the ribbon, from left, are Scott Penner of the Log Cabin, Ward 3 Coun. John Durley, Mayor Dave Augustyn, tourism counsellors Kristen Groom and Carly Davies, chamber president Aggie Giovannini and Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp.

will go online this week. It will pull together information about Pelham businesses and attractions such as walking and cycling trails, historical and natural sites, farmers market and farm gate outlets

and pick-your-own fields.

Website designer Keith Bellamy of KCE Media called it a wide ranging connection with many facets. It will provide tourism and other information throughout the year to

extend the role of the tourism booth beyond the summer.

Mayor Dave Augustyn said the centre is located in a comfortable spot for everyone and encourages shopping for local Canadians in the gift shop.

Tourism counsellor Kristen Groom is in her second year as summer employee for the centre. She praised the location and looked forward to the summer of providing information to visitors and

residents.

Carly Davies begins her first year as tourism councillor and provides bilingual service for visitors. She demonstrated it with a greeting in French.

The counsellors help visitors find attractions and accommodations throughout Niagara as well as in Pelham. They use an Internet hookup and telephones.

Niagara residents use the tourism centre as much as visitors. They ask for pamphlets, maps, guide books and other materials to get to know their backyard.

In 2008, among the more than 300 booth inquiries, 134 came from Niagara residents while 74 came from Toronto and other Ontario visitors. American inquiries totaled 13 with 14 from visitors who live outside North America.

Fabiano said now that residents are familiar with the location in The Log Cabin as well as improve signage, she expects to see an increase in the number of visitors this summer.

"It just seems the right fit," she said.

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■ E.L. CROSSLEY GRADUATION

High school grads go out winners



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Emily McCollum congratulates Aaryn deBruin, winner of the Harland Young Memorial Award for determination, and Cole Bonsignore, winner of the Ruth Young Memorial Award for outstanding volunteerism. McCollum is the great-granddaughter of the Youngs.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley Secondary School principal Ann Harrison congratulates 2010 Valedictorian Matthew Hennessy before the school's 47th commencement exercises held at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre in St. Catharines, Tuesday. About 200 students graduated.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Mayor Dave Augustyn shakes hands with the winners of the Town of Pelham scholarships Julia Smallman for health sciences and Lawson Fulton for mathematics.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Dr. Ronald Dowd presented the Dr. Joseph Dowd memorial scholarship to Trinity Akyrold for science and humanitarian concern. It's in memory of a longtime Ferwick physician.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Jim Jenter, left, of the Fonthill and District Kinsmen Club, congratulates scholarship recipient Jonathan Wassenaar. It is given for school leadership and community service.



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Wainfleet Lion Mel Jackson congratulates Kristen Johnson for winning the Wainfleet Lions Club Scholarship awarded to a Wainfleet resident for scholarship and contributions for school life.

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perspective



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EDITOR

Graduation is a special time for students

For principal Ann Harrison E.L. Crossley Secondary School's 47th commencement ceremony was different from the previous years.

It was her final one as Crossley's principal, although not her last Crossley commencement. She has a daughter and a son coming up through the school.

"They may think I never left," she said, thinking of her role as a Pelham high school parent.

Harrison has been appointed principal of Stamford Collegiate in Niagara Falls, a downtown school off Lundy's Lane. It's a contrast to rural Crossley but she's had teaching experience in downtown Toronto.

Commencement is a special time for a school, Harrison said before ceremonies at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre.

"I'm always so excited by graduation. You've known these kids for four years and because I live in Fonthill I've known many years," she said. "They've had challenges and you feel so proud of them when you see them cross the stage."

"It's a wonderful, wonderful evening. It takes so many people to organize it."

In speaking to the students "I try to remind them of the lessons we've tried to teach them."

While she hopes they'll remember the specific lessons of each subject, "we talk to them about the bigger lessons."

Those life lessons include: a love of learning, a sense of community, striving to serve the outside community "and being thankful because you didn't do it on your own."

More than 200 graduating students are taking these lessons into the next stages of their lives. At a graduation ceremony, you can see the optimism on the face of the students. You can understand the sense of accomplishment they feel as well as the pride of staff, parents and the community.

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TOP STUDENT



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo
Ann Harrison, principal of E.L. Crossley, congratulates Bronte Fudge, winner of the Governor General's Academic Medal for achieving the highest average.

Canada Day in Ottawa

A group of women going on a social cycling excursion doing Greater Ottawa are known as The Red Hats. A group of retired educators meet regularly for lunch and we are known as The Remoos; that stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out.

Brian Baty
REGIONAL COUNCIL VIEW

From this group emerged an annual cycling excursion doing Greater Ottawa Circle Route twice, last year at Allegheys State Park and this year in Val Des Monts Quebec, just outside Gatineau and Ottawa.

A rain day eliminated cycling the hilly section of Gatineau Park but better weather allowed a tour of the Rideau Canal trails and a section of the Ottawa River. The scenery was spectacular and the gentle hills at each lock on the Rideau were barely a challenge.

We stayed at the home of Peter Salmer's daughter in a private lake in Val Des Monts. Peter doesn't ride bicycle but he is an avid motorcyclist with a planned three week excursion to the western United States. John Lees joined us by train in Ottawa on Tuesday.

He too does not ride the trails but joins in for the camaraderie and acts as Chef for this group. Randy Daly, Robert Montgomery and I form the cycling team. While I have been criticized for the Spartan, a.k.a. cheap accommodations in the past, no criticism could be made against our lodging this year as it was a beautiful two-storey home carved into the side of a hill overlooking a pristine lake. The hot tub was a bonus for first muscles after a long ride.

The group decided to forego the Canada Day celebrations in Ottawa but Randy and I decide to cross over the bridge from Gatineau to join the festivities. By sheer luck, we found a parking lot just a couple of blocks up from the Ottawa River.

Walking half a block toward Parliament Hill we came across a scene that will provide a lifetime memory. As we walked out of the parking lot on to the street we saw a large number of RCMP officers in full uniform on horseback.

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Our government's decisive actions over the past two years have helped protect our citizens from the global recession and have fueled economic growth.

Yes, the global economy remains fragile and the unbalanced nature of the expansion now poses risks to growth.

I myself was in Toronto on Sunday to attend a meeting alongside Prime Minister Stephen Harper with the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh. While in Toronto I was struck by the progress that had been made in such a short period of time by the World Leaders.

The Leaders agreed on the



Dean Allison
FROM THE HILL

urgency to sustain and strengthen the global recovery, and will use the Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth as a key tool for our economic cooperation going forward.

To complete the planned fiscal stimulus, advanced members have committed to at least halve their deficits by 2013 and stabilize government debt-to-GDP ratios, or put them on a downward path by 2016; emerging market members have committed to strengthen social safety nets, enhance corporate governance reform, deepen financial markets, raise infrastructure spending and increase exchange rate flexibility; and all members are going to be pursuing structural reforms to increase our individual and collective growth prospects.

A strong financial system is

critical to achieving sustainable global economic recovery, and our Government has already made considerable progress. However, more work remains.

Recognizing that higher standards must be complemented with strengthened supervision and committed to ensure that countries have all the powers and tools to resolve all types of financial institutions in crisis and adopted principles to guide implementation.

Recognizing that global trade is a driver for global growth, the standstill agreement to resist protectionism was extended for an additional three years.

In the past I have been skeptical of the value of these summits, but with the strong accomplishments I have seen come out of this past weekend I see why it is so important for world leaders to meet face to face to discuss the issues facing our respective countries.

The leaders will meet again in Seoul in November, and then annually thereafter beginning with France in 2011 and in Mexico in 2012.

■ BATY

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As we approached the corner we saw a Landau carriage being prepared to carry the Queen and Duke.

Two officers were seated in the back of the carriage and two officers were in the saddles on the left side horses of the four horse team. The lead officer, in a loud voice shouted a command to the saddles "CANADA... CANADA..." and the lead horse promptly raised his hoof to begin the short ride up Sussex Dr. to await the Queen and Duke at the National Art Centre.

Randy and I observed

from the sidewalk in front of the cathedral on the other side of Sussex Dr. as a helicopter hovered above us and a stream of limousines approached. Two busy street service agents emerged first and with steady eyes surveyed the crowd looking for anything of concern.

Load cheers and spontaneous applause arose as the Queen and Duke emerged from their limousine and entered the Landau carriage. The Queen was attired appropriately in a red and white outfit while the Duke sported a stylish straw hat.

A young teen girl tapped us on the shoulder and asked if

she could step in front of us to get a closer picture of the Queen. We agreed and were astounded as the young girl spontaneously sang, "God save our gracious Queen..."

As noon hour approached, a phalanx of black Suburbans streamed up Sussex Dr. past the Landau carriage carrying Stephen Harper to Parliament Hill to greet the

Queen and Duke. The clock tower in the cathedral struck three times and after five seconds struck three times again. The lead RCMP officer again shouted, "CANADA... CANADA..." and the horses began their march to Parliament Hill with a flurry of chiming emanating from the cathedral's spires.

Randy and I continued up

Sussex Dr. to the Chateau Laurier and turned up the Sparks St. mall amid a crowd estimated at over 100,000 people. We enjoyed the music and the buskers and all the various outfits of red and white clothing. A trip to the ByWard Market ended the day with some people watching from a patio restaurant followed by

a Beaver Tail in the market square.

We came to cycle but came away with a memory of an historical day, a day to feel proud to be Canadian! Brian Baty is a Niagara Regional Councillor for the Town of Pelham and chairs the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee. brian.baty@niagararegion.ca

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Happy Canada Day!



It was a busy Canada Day around Pelham. At top left, the local 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadet corps got back up during the Pelham Canada Day parade from the Lincoln and Welland Regiment Museum. Volunteers brought along heritage military vehicles they restored. At top right, MP's Tim Hudak, MP Dean Allison, Mayor Dave Augustyn and Fonthill Sobeyes franchisee Ron Kore cut the Canada Day cake, donated by Sobeyes for the celebrations. Bottom left, volunteers hand out flags along the parade route. Right, Grace Loves sings a bilingual version of O Canada, backed up by members of the Canada Day Spirit team of E.L. Crossley Secondary School students Phil Hering, Stephen Hughes, Taylor Grant, Trevor Roger and Hayden Peterson, while Augustyn raises the flag on a new pole just installed in Harold Black Park.



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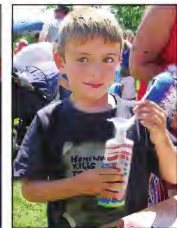
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Pelham's 20th Canada Day celebration



At left, Charlie Bida and Kyla McMahon from Lori DeLuca's Dance Place perform in the main entertainment tent in Harold Black Park during Pelham's 20th Canada Day celebration. Right, Trinkit, a seven-week-old mini weiner dog, held by Reese Kurtz and Kasey Cornwalli, was one of the animals entered into the Welland and District Humane Society's 6th annual Pet Show. Bottom left, Sharon Vibulic, left, and Dee Thomas collect contributions for the Jamaican Mission of Pelham Friends Evangelical Church to buy baby chicks to help poor Jamaican families. A contribution of \$2.50 can buy one chick, said Vibulic. The church across from Harold Black Park will continue fundraising throughout the year. Bottom middle, Fonthill Lions Club members John McInerney, left, Rob Yungblut, Wes Mackinnon, and Phil Rittenhouse cook hamburgers, hotdogs and fries for a steady flow of customers in Harold Black Park during the party. Bottom right, Kevin Stoehr, 6, of Fonthill shows his sand art creation he made at a table set up by the Rotary Club of Fonthill as part its Canada Day children's entertainment area.



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■ ANNIVERSARY: One year as party leader for local MPP

Hudak enjoying job as PC party leader

WAYNE CAMPBELL
Pelham News Staff

Tim Hudak loves his new job.

"The time has just flown by," said the leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservatives who celebrated his first anniversary at the end of June.

It does take the MPP him away much more from his family in his Wellandport home and his riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook.

The leader has to deal with party matters in Ottawa, Sudbury, Windsor and Thunder Bay as well as Pelham, Beamsville, Stoney Creek and Hamilton.

He is also, as Leader of the Opposition, the first one up in Question Period at Queen's Park to hold Dalton McGuinty's feet to the fire.

Hudak was elected leader following the failure of John Tory to win the 2007 provincial election and even win a seat in a byelection.

Since then, the former cabinet minister in Mike Harris's Conservative government has worked to rebuild the strength and credibility of the party.

He believes he's succeeded.

The party is more focused

on creating a stronger Ontario "where you can raise a family, find a good job or start a small business," he said.

Party memberships have tripled during the past year.

Hudak has just announced the party is debt-free after paying off the last of its election loans.

"Now we can build a war chest for the next election," he said.

The next provincial election is in October 2011 and the Hudak team has laid out a three-prong attack.

He's promoting private-sector job creation, accountability for the tax dollar and "protecting the pocket books of the family from tax increases."

The target of the attack, of course, is Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty, who Hudak says has given him room for attack "with his tax and spend policies."

Manufacturing jobs in Ontario have declined. Spending scandals such as a billion-dollar e-health loss embarrassed the government.

And now the introduction of the harmonized sales tax (HST) has stirred discontent among taxpayers.

Hudak, however, is coy



Tim Hudak, Niagara West Glanbrook MPP and leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, holds daughter Miller as he speaks to the crowd during Canada Day celebrations at Harold Black Park last week.

about Conservative solutions preferring to say they are listening to Ontarians to gather good ideas.

Rather than promise to

eliminate the HST, for example, he prefers to say "all options are on the table" if the Conservatives are elected.

In his own riding, Hudak

said he has had a positive reaction to his leadership role.

"I'm the first leader of a major party in Niagara," he

said.

To handle the day-to-day work in the riding he said he has a strong team backing him up.

Hudak said his experience in Pelham and Jordan, airport issues at Mt. Hope and suburban concerns in Stoney Creek.

"There is agriculture in Pelham and Jordan, airport issues at Mt. Hope and suburban concerns in Stoney Creek."

Hudak, 42, has been an MPP for 15 years. His wife Deb Hutton was an assistant to Premier Mike Harris. They were familiar with the life of a party leader when he sought the leadership.

"I went into it with eyes wide open," he said. But the father and mother of a toddler born almost on election day 2007 did spend a long time discussing and thinking about it before he ran for the leadership, he said.

"We had a pretty good view of it," he said. Now a year later, "I don't regret a minute of it. It's tremendously rewarding."

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■ **DISPLAY:** Welland Photographer is newest artist to have work on display at Cafe on Main



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Welland's Brett Mortensen has his photography on display at Pelham's Cafe on Main until the end of August. He'll take a year off to work and will attend the University of the Arts in London, England, in 2011.

Focusing on the details

KAESHA FORAND
Pelham News Staff

Photography has been Brett Mortensen's passion since the age of 13. He enjoyed taking pictures, then developing and printing them in a dark room and "I really did take off from there and I've been diligently working ever since."

The 18-year-old recently graduated from Ridley College and will be taking the next year off to pursue a career in the photography business before he leaves the country for the University of the Arts in London, England in 2011 where he'll be taking a four-year bachelor fine arts photography program.

Mortensen enjoys focusing his photography on items that most people don't pay attention to: branches, bricks, small details like chipping paint or the interesting angles a stairwell provides. Some of his work from the past

year were unveiled last Friday night at Pelham's Cafe on Main and will be on display until the end of August.

"There are things we would walk by without noticing. I'm trying to capture and draw attention to them."

Photos on display are from the past year and have been taken in Toronto, France, Belgium, Niagara-on-the-Lake and at school, and were all shot with a 24-105mm lens.

"I focus more on texture than the location."

He wanted to study in London to "be where the action is. I really want to try something new with landscapes and urban centres." Upon obtaining his degree, he hopes to continue being a professional photographer and wants to use his education to set himself apart from hobbyists.

His prints can be purchased for \$100 or \$125 framed and only three of each print will be sold.

LIBRARY PORGRAM



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Julia Robins, a University of Toronto English student, is helping to co-ordinate the Pelham Public Library's summer reading program Destination Jungle.

Library is going to jungle

PelhamNEWS Staff

It's a jungle In there.

Pelham Public Library's summer program is built around it's TD Summer Reading Program - Destination Jungle.

The reading program kicked off a couple of weeks ago with 50 signing up the first day and others joining since.

Last year, the reading program set a record with 300 children and young adults reading keeping their reading skills sharp.

Of course, they have fun exploring the world through the book covers.

The reading program has two sections: Wee Readers for children under age five and summer Reading Club for age 6 to 12 year olds.

The younger children and their parents receive a package of literacy tips. They can

record progress by listing books tackled or read to them on the library's Destination Jungle wall of fame.

Reading club members similarly each Wednesday report the books read as they turn pages through the summer.

The goal is to have fun doing it while exploring a theme, say library staff.

The jungle focus is reflected in a series of library events during July and August.

They include Mad Jungle Science, Reptile Kingdom. It's a Jungle Out There, Zambianomic and jungle-themed movies.

Some have fees while others don't. Registration is usually in advance.

For details of the library's summer programs pick up a flyer at the front or Maple Acre branches or see its website www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca.

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■ **CHARITY:** Golf tournament planned

Wells of Hope drilling rig arrives in Guatemala

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PelhamNEWS Staff

This week Ted van der Zalm of the Wells of Hope will head for Guatemala to formally move a water drilling rig into the country.

For the past few months, the \$1.2 million, rig financed by donations of Canadians to bring fresh water to poor rural Guatemalan families, has sat in a warehouse.

The Guatemalan government and the Niagara based non-profit, non-denominational Christian charity have argued over an import tax. At times was almost a third of the value of the rig.

Wells of Hope director van der Zalm said Friday a deal was struck.

Carius, the Catholic agency for international aid, brought the rig under its name to avoid he said non-taxable status.

He said it was a good example of Christian co-



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Wells of Hope directors Ted van der Zalm, left, and Ben Obdeyn stand beside an agency car as they prepare to send van der Zalm to Guatemala to complete the final phase of a water drilling rig from a Guatemala port to interior mountains. The \$1.2-million rig will provide wells so poor communities will have fresh water rather than rely on polluted stream water.

operation to help the poorest of the poor.

"It's all about helping others as you would help yourself," he said.

The rig is specially designed to dig to depths needed to draw water in the mountains of Guatemala. Residents in the area now pull water from

often polluted streams putting them at risk of illness.

Often children walk hours in search of acceptable water and are unable to go to

school.

The drilling rig is expected to dig wells to supply fresh, clean water to four communities and thousands of people, said van der Zalm.

So far, the rig is half paid for and money will be needed to build a distribution system to the communities.

Wells of Hope drills for fresh water and helps to build houses, schools and a medical centre.

Wells of Hope will hold its 4th annual Golf Tournament at Riverview Golf & Country Club on Saturday, July 17.

Director Ben Obdeyn said the cost is \$125 per person which includes golf, cart, lunch and steak dinner. Official sponsorships and tee and green sponsorships are also available.

He can be reached at 905-892-7721 or benr.obdeyn@sympatico.ca.

Other fundraisers for Wells of Hope include a penny

challenge at St. Alexander Catholic School and Glyn A. Green Public School in Pelham and Alexander Kuska Catholic in Welland to save a penny a day through the summer to contribute to a Wells of Hope new school fund in the fall.

Kyle Druzina, a St. Alexander student, organized the program last summer that raised about \$5,000. He expanded it to the other schools this summer.

"Kyle is a tremendous example," said van der Zalm. "It's wonderful that he is maintaining his interest. It's an inspiration to adults."

Wells of Hope has developed a bottled water brand. Profits from sales go to the Guatemalan fresh water program.

The director is also developing a Wine into Water involving a unusual hand-blowing bottles filled with wine for \$5,000 donations.



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■ GARDENS: Communities in Bloom 2010 project

Highland Ave. pillars have renewed look

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

For its annual project, Pelham Communities in Bloom Committee turned to stone from wood.

Well known for its community heritage signs in Fonthill, Ridgeville, Fenwick, North Pelham and Effingham, this summer it finished a two-year project to restore and decorate a gateway.

Four stone pillars at Highland Ave. and Canboro Rd. in Fonthill were cleaned and capped. A fence on one side was painted while another was added on the other side.

"It was a collaboration between the town and Communities in Bloom pretty much from the beginning," said Santa Cyopik.

The committee laid out the garden plan with the help of Jamie Douglas. The town over saw construction work and flower bed preparation.

The committee arranged for donations of plants, financed the capping and created the garden.

The town rebuilt one of the pillars using field stone donated by Gerry Berkhout after he upgraded a barn.

The committee then planted gardens around the pillars that flank an avenue leading to the Fonthill cemetery.

The project, which included the reconstruction of the pillar, took two years to complete, said Cyopik.

For the gardens, the committee received donations of plants and flowers from Paul's Garden Centre, Rice Road Greenhouses and Vermeer's Garden Centre.

Money for the project came from donations collected during the commu-



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Members of the Pelham Communities in Bloom put the finishing touches on the group's 2010 project, the rehabilitation of the entrance to Highland Ave. in Fonthill. Using money from donations, the group rebuilt one of the entrance posts, freshly capped all four and planted gardens around them. From left are Jamie Douglas, Brenda Neilson, Santa Cyopik, Lois Albanese and Betty Brown. Previous projects included community heritage signs for Fonthill, Fenwick, Ridgeville, Effingham and North Pelham.

tee's annual fundraising efforts including its annual garden tour, which will be held Saturday, July 17.

It runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and shows eight gardens. Tickets are available at

town hall, Sobey's, Pet Valu, Rice Road Greenhouses, and Vermeers Garden Centre at \$10 each.

The committee sponsors the Trillium Awards each August.

It recognizes residential, commercial and institutional properties that enhance the beauty of the town when views from the street. Nomination forms covering the nine categories for the

awards are now available at the Pelham Public Library and town hall. Communities in Bloom has monthly awards for "Keeping Pelham Beautiful."

"This is our way of saying

'thank you' for different endeavors by way of a \$25 gift certificate from a Pelham business of the winner's choice," said Cyopik.

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■ **BASEBALL:** This week on the diamonds

T-ball player hits grand slam in first inning

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In PMBA T-Ball this week, Ben Bonisteel hit a monster drive to centre field in the first inning for a Grand Slam home run on this.

Aiden Bruce showed good form and a great arm in the second inning when he caught a low grounder to home and threw it home to catcher Wyatt Gibson. Wyatt made a great catch and ran to home plate to put a stop to two runs at the end of the inning.

The Blue Jays showed a lot of spirit tonight even with a short bench, as the hits and plays were phenomenal. Billy Belcher had some solid hits with a stand up double in the first. Sam Belcher was outstanding at pitchers position with great throws to first.

Ella Marr had solid hits, and did great at the catcher position. Kaede McEllan was amazing snagging grounders while at pitcher position and shortstop, with great throws to first and a solid bat.

Thank you Jacob from the yellow team for helping the Blue Jays out as a solid last batter.

Orange Jaguars are doing really well. They are playing their positions with enthusiasm and we are having a lot of fun.

Ben Butter did a great job at the Pitcher's position in the first inning with some awesome throws to Konner Little at first who was ready to get the outs.

Kasey Buttner hustled for the ball and played really well to try for the out at third. George Martinson was our star player who made some great plays and successfully got the out at second.

Tiana Stukel played the pitcher position well in the third with some great throws to Patrick Fidler who was doing a great job guarding first.

The batting was on fire by the Jaguars, as everyone got to first base with very few outs. More balls are being hit to the outfield, which is great to see. Great hitting by Patrick Fidler, Daniel Van Alstine and Brooklyn Stukel.

On June 16, the Stingers gave it their all in a hard fought battle with the Dark Green Team.

Pitcher Emma Gull was quick on her feet, working well with Ethan Cornea on First Base.

Catcher Jacob Martin ended the first inning stopping three batters from making it home.

The Stingers had a strong second inning with Iain MacFarlane making three outs at Second Base. Note worthy hits by batters Laura Buerger, Dylan Cornea and Ethan Engle highlighted the offense.

On Monday, the Mossimo's Grey Dragons Rookie Ball Team met Beamsville.

The Dragons started out slow with nothing on the scoreboard in the first, but a beautiful throw from pitcher Ben Mann to Aiden Bench at 1st base helped keep Beamsville to one run.

From then on, it was all Dragons.

Duncan MacFarlane had an outstanding game with 4 RBIs on 2 hits, and forcing an out at 3rd base in the 4th inning. Mann also made some highlight reel plays.

In addition to his defensive play, Ben was 4 for 4 at bat. Bench, Dan Durkin and Callan Salducci were also perfect at the plate.

The game ended dramatically with a double play by Durkin at 1st base. Carter Teal and Sarah Salducci also

showed Gold Glove potential with a vacuum like style at Pitcher stopping everything that came near him.

On June 30 at the Pit, the Pelham Mosquito Bears faced the Welland Rangers. The Bears called up Ben Mann, Trent Furlong and Matthew Mulder from Rookie to fill the Team.

Ben Dalzell put on a dazzling show at the plate with two singles and a smokin' hot double up the middle that scored Noah Huisman and James Field.

Rookie call up Mathew also showed the league a snippet of what will come next year when he moves up, with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate and an RBI.

Defensively Mathew also

showed Gold Glove potential with a vacuum like style at Pitcher stopping everything that came near him. Ayrton Ashick had his best offensive showing so far this year going 4-for-4 and combined this with a defensive dominance as Catcher.

Captain Grace Furlong made a nice fly ball grab at first base, and stroked a key RBI single in the fourth. Bears were hanging tough, scratching and clawing their way through the game but the Rangers were just a bit too efficient when it came to play making and in the end prevailed.

The Star Tile Centre Midget team defeated Port Colborne in a late night

game on June 29th.

Andrew Iauk started on the mound for Pelham, and limited Port to three runs. Chris Kershaw finished the game for Pelham, with nine strikeouts. Greg Lipinski and James Loewen both had two hits and scored two runs for Pelham, while Mitchell Deba and Cole Van Alstine both doubled and scored a run.

The Bantam MML team continued their winning ways with a 9-5 victory over Welland, to improve their season record to eight wins and one tie.

The Bantam Miller Restoration team improved their record to six wins and three losses with a 10-5 victory over Port Erie.



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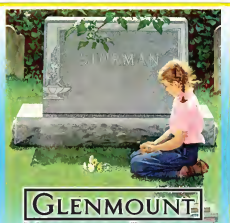
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■ **SOCCER:** Team 1-1-1 over three weeks

U9 Boys even on the soccer fields

For PelhamNEWS

The U9 Boys Kaman's Auto Service rep soccer team has played three games in the last three weeks and had 1 loss, 1 tie and 1 win.

The first game was against Niagara Falls at home. The team tied 1-1. Pelham outplayed their opponent. The lone goal scorer was Nicholas Chambers on a run from defense.

The second game was against Niagara-on-the-Lake and Pelham lost 4-1.

The lone goal scorer was Josh Glen with an excellent shot, assisted by Evan MacPherson with the step up move on defense to push the ball up to Josh.

Next, the win came for

Pelham against Lincoln.

Pelham won 5-1.

Pelham outplayed Lincoln by many shots. Pelham's first goal was scored by Josh Glen assisted by Quentin Annunziata.

The second goal was scored by Bradley Steele assisted by Ethan Mergl. Josh Glen got the third goal off a free kick. Nicholas Chambers scored while up front assisted by Lucas East and the final goal was scored by Campbell Veld waiting out front with the one timer assisted by Josh Glen and Zachary Pasma. Devon Thibodeau and Evan MacPherson did a great job pushing the ball up from defense. Liam Sodik got the near shut-out.

■ **TENNIS:** Summer lessons are underway



Pelham Tennis Association
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These 4- to 7-year-olds enjoyed the last lesson of the spring session but don't be sad — summer session starts now. Check out www.pelhamtennis.ca for details. Coach Brandon Alguire gives his group a prep talk before the class begins. From left Jeffrey, Megan, Jessica, Mason, Mattheya, Leah, and Drew.

Pelham Tennis Association
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Jessica has the ball, almost. She was one of several students participating in the 4- to 7-year-old lessons at the Pelham Tennis Association. Summer lessons start now — join in the fun. Check out www.pelhamtennis.ca for details.



■ **FASTPITCH:** Fenwick action hot

Hard work pays off for Team Lodde

For PelhamNEWS

Herb Lodde & Sons' Roofing faced off against Gilbert's Flowers on June 29 for another exciting game of Fenwick Softball fastpitch action.

Team Lodde managed to defeat the powerhouse Gilbert's team 12 to 8. This was Gilbert's first loss of the season.

In the top of the first, Ethan Guitard of Lodde's struck out two batters, and

with the help of his brother William at home plate, managed to throw out Lucas Slager of Gilbert's, keeping them off the scoreboard in the first.

In the second, Taryn Petrovsky, pitching for Lodde, struck out two players.

She then teamed up with William Guitard at home plate to throw out Abigail George (subbing from Dulliban) for a crucial third out with bases loaded.

In the top of the third, Daniel Guitard made an unbelievable stop holding Aiden Belding of Gilbert's on first base, in what was sure to be a home run.

Special mention goes to Graham Cullig of Gilbert's for his two walks, and Dederieke Vanderkerk for a nice stop on third base. Congratulations to team Lodde for working hard during their practices and coming together as a team. Stats are as follows:

Gilbert's Flowers: Lucas Slager (single), Aiden Belding (single), Josh George (single, homerun - subbing from Dulliban), Abigail George (single) and Thomas Damm (single).

Herb Lodde & Sons Roofing: William Guitard (triple), Kaleigh Smith (single), Tommy Carson (single), Myles Stolk (single), Ethan Guitard (homerun), Daniel Guitard (fly out caught by pitcher), Taryn Petrovsky (two singles).

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Housing market shifts into lower gear



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Resale home prices in Pelham rose in June for the 12th consecutive month and the gain of 7.8% reported this month was the strongest experienced year to date. The 12 month average price now stands at \$322,371 compared to \$298,933 at this time last year.

However, June also marked the second month in a row that sales totals declined overall compared to last year. In May 2010 there was a drop of 29% while the June 2010 transaction total of 24 units represents a 20% decline from the 2009 total of 30 units.

The rate of gain reported in year-to-date sales results is beginning to drop off. As at the end of June the Pelham sales total of 112 units translating into a 9.8% gain over the previous year. The May year-to-date total of 88 sales represented a 28% increase over the May 2009 figure of 72 units.

A May 2010 report issued by the Canadian Real Estate

Association indicated that the drop in sales activity was seen in more than 70 per cent of local markets and that the overall national housing figures were impacted strongly by lower sales activity in Toronto, Vancouver and Ottawa.

The market generally appears to be shifting towards a more balanced position giving homebuyers more time to make their purchase decisions. With the new HST regulations firmly in place there is no longer the deadline incentive to complete transactions in order to achieve tax savings benefits.

Now the mortgage rate watch is on. There may be greater urgency to get to the offer table as interest rates start to rise. The combined impact of rising interest rates and our past pace of rapidly increasing average prices will ultimately reduce housing affordability and lower market demand. And so goes the normal ebb and flow of market dynamics.

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■ CANADA DAY CONCERT



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Patti Parker lead singer for Blind Fate keeps the party rolling in the entertainment tent at Harold Black Park as crowds gather for Canada Day fireworks display.